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SUBJECT: BAUXITE EXPORTING COUNTRIES

- 1. A CANADIAN HIGH COMMISSION COLLEAGUE INFORMED AN EMBOFF TODAY THAT THE CANADIAN MISSION IN BELGRADE HAS REPORTED THAT AT THE OCTOBER 1973 BAUXITE EXPORTERS' MEETING IN BELGRADE THE AUSTRALIAN PARTICIPANTS FELT VERY STRONGLY THAT THE JAMAICAN DELEGATION, LED BY EDGERTON RICHARDSON (FORMER AMBASSADOR TO THE US, MEMBER OF THE BAUXITE COMMISSION, AND THE PRIME MINISTER'S CLOSE ADVISOR) DOMINATED THE MEETING. ACCORDING TO THE CANADIAN SOURCE, THE JAMAICANS ARRIVED AT THE MEETING WITH A DRAFT AGREEMENT ON THE FORMATION OF AN EXPORTERS' CLUB AND PRESSED FOR IMMEDIATE SIGNATURE. THE AUSTRALIANS REPORTEDLY BALKED, HOWEVER, AND DEFERRED THEIR DECISION UNTIL THE END OF JANUARY
- 2. THE SAME SOURCE HAS COMMENTED THAT IN BOTH OTTAWA AND WASHINGTON THE AUSTRALIANS, WHO ARE NORMALLY CONFIDENTIAL

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VERY COMMUNICATIVE WITH THE CANADIANS, HAVE BEEN

EXTREMELY CLOSE-MOUTHED ABOUT THE BAUXITE QUESTION

- 3. THE EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT THE NEXT MEETING OF BAUXITE EXPORTERS IS SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY IN GUINEA.
- 4. WE UNDERSTAND THAT ONE OF ALLAN ISAACS' PRINCIPAL ASSISTANTS IS NOT ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THE GUINEA MEETING AND DID NOT KNOW WHETHER JAMAICA WOULD SEND A DELEGATION. GIVEN RICHARDSON'S PAST PERFORMANCE, HOWEVER, AND HIS PROXIMITY TO THE PRIME MINISTER IT IS MOST PROBABLE THAT IT WILL. HEWITT

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